envisages hike in fee at the higher levels of education to raise the quality of education in the country. However, the fee in a university is decided as per the provisions in its ordinances. As such, any hike in the fee for Delhi University Colleges has to be considered and decided by the University itself. The Government of India has no direct role in this regard, however it can facilitate the process. The facilitation role is enjoined by the National Policy.

Sanskrit Departments in Central Universities

1767. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Central Universities do not have Sanskrit Departments;

(b) if so, the names of such Universities;

(c) whether it is a fact that Sanskrit is one of the oldest living languages in the world;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not promoting Sanskrit in Central Universities; and

(e) by when Sanskrit Departments are likely to be opened in all the Central Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Closure/Merger of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1768. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Kendriya Vidyalayas have been closed down/merged with others in the preceding three years and more are to follow suit in the ensuing academic session;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, what are those Vidyalayas and the year-wise details of such Vidyalayas; and

(c) the detials of Kendriya Vidayalayas which are proposedly being opened during the 2000-2001 session?